

Forestry Sector Stakeholder Workgroup Process Draft Concept Paper

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Workgroup objectives: The purpose of the stakeholder workgroup process is to support development of measures to be included in the Scoping Plan for the Forest sector. Stakeholders will be asked to identify measures that will benefit both the total and rate of carbon sequestration from California's Forests. For each of the five strategies stakeholders will be asked to assist the responsible agency in:

- Assessment of potential carbon sequestration potential for the strategy.
- Evaluation of identified measures (actions) in the CAT action plan.
- Development of additional measures for each of the Strategies for inclusion in the Scoping Plan.

Workgroup Process: Forest Sector stakeholders will receive a process briefing on January 25th which will provide background on AB32, the Scoping Plan process, their role in development of measures, and overview of current strategies and measures, a description and overview of the stakeholder process, and a meeting schedule. In addition, the stakeholders will be asked to indicate an interest in participation in one or more of the five Forest Strategy Breakout Groups

Measure Development: Each Forest Strategy Breakout Group will be asked to:

- 1) Provide feedback and comment on the carbon sequestration potential for the strategy.
- 2) Provide feedback on the currently identified measures or actions.
- 3) Propose additional measures for each strategy to be included in the Scoping Plan.

Additional Measure Development: For each additional measure identified by the Strategy each of the Forest Strategy Breakout Groups will be asked to respond to the following questions or items:

- 1) Provide a measure name.
- 2) Categorize related objectives into one of the following:
 - a. The measure is motivated primarily by its greenhouse gas emissions reductions.
 - b. The measure is motivated primarily by non-greenhouse gas benefits.
 - c. The measure is motivated by multiple benefits.
- 3) Describe mechanism for achieving objectives. Is the measure:
 - a. Voluntary

- b. Regulatory
 - c. Incentive based
 - d. Market based
 - e. Other
- 4) Identify measure metrics. Identify the following
 - a. Units of measurements to track performance against goals
 - b. Process for measurement reporting including metric accuracy and verification processes.
- 5) Describe implementation steps and timelines
- 6) Identify greenhouse gas emission reduction
- 7) Identify costs and cost savings
- 8) Identify barriers to measure implementation
- 9) Identify other benefits
 - a. Co-benefits with direct greenhouse gas emission linkages
 - b. Other Co-benefits

Scoping Plan Synthesis: Forest Strategy Breakout Groups will meet twice in February. The first breakout session will be held on February 1, 2008. The second session will take place February 22. ARB and CAL FIRE staff are tasked with completing the synthesis of the Forest Strategy Breakout Group input and distributing the synthesis to all participants in advance of a Forest Stakeholder meeting on March 21, 2008. Comments on the draft will be received at that time.